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SHANKILL COMMUNITY AREA NEWSLETTER

25 Years Since The Shankill/ Shankill Project was Founded in October 1994

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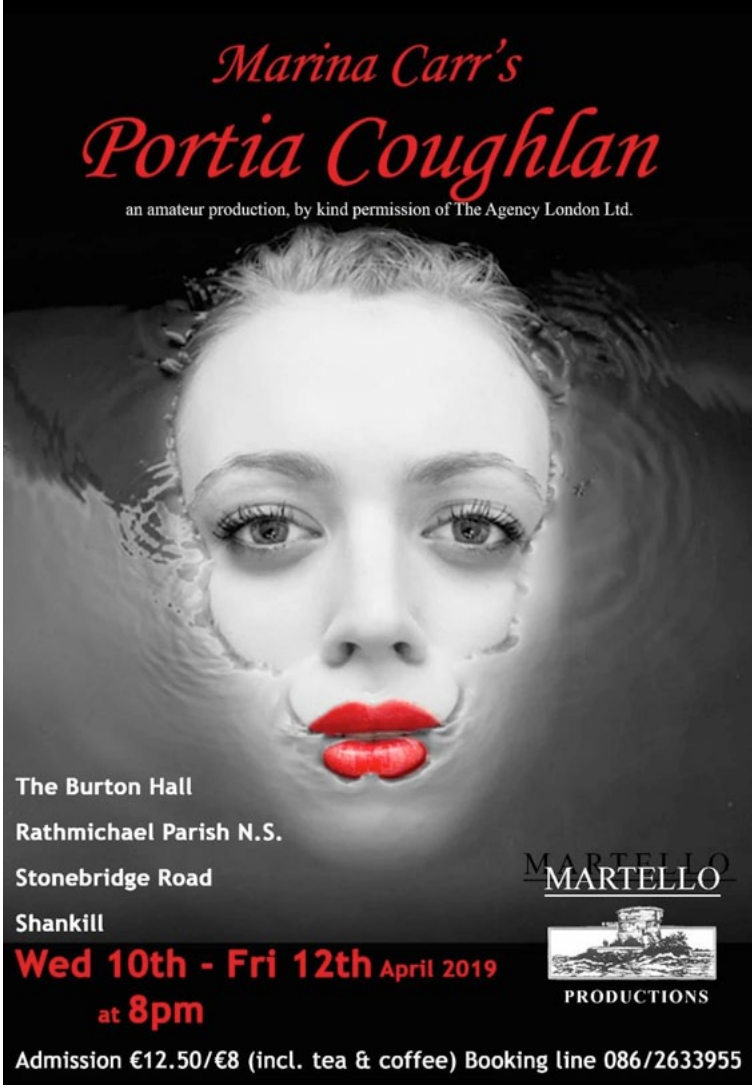

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCAN

Have you got two hours to spare? Why not help us out in the SCAN office. We need new volunteers to work one morning a week - 10 a.m. to 12.00p.m. Computer skills are desirable but not essential. Email us at ***scanshankill10@eircom.net*** for more information or leave us a message at 086-1065264 and we will get back to you.

SHANGANAGH COMMUNITY GARDENS - NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in Shanganagh Park House. All are welcome.

Plot holders are reminded to bring along their annual fee (€30 for standard plots, €15 for half plots, €50 for large plots) as 2019 contracts will be signed on the night.

About Shanganagh Community Gardens:

Under the management of DunLaoghaire Rathdown County Council, the gardens are in operation since 2010 and are located beside Shanganagh Cliffs. They can be seen from the DART line, directly beside the wastewater treatment plant. They comprise allotment style individual plots along with community growing and project areas, as well as a thriving community orchard of apple and pear trees. The gardens are a lovely place for adults and children to enjoy nature and all are welcome to come and visit - the gate is open for most of the day, year round. (No dogs except Guide Dogs however!)

We welcome expressions of interest to join the waiting list for a plot or to carry out a project in the gardens.
We can be contacted by email at: ***scgardenscommittee@gmail.com*** or in writing to: ***Shanganagh Community Gardens Committee, c/o Shanganagh Park House***.
We also have a Facebook Page, just search for Shanganagh Community Gardens on Facebook and you will find it.

MARTELLO PRODUCTIONS

PORTIA COUGHLAN
Portia Coughlan is haunted by the death, fifteen years previously, of her twin brother, who keeps calling to her. She lives in monstrous limbo and is unable to find love for her wealthy husband and children, seeking solace in soulless affairs, deeply afraid of what she might do. This play contains adult themes and strong language.

Portia Coughlan was commissioned by the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin. It was first produced in the Peacock Theatre, Dublin on 27th March 1996.

SAVE THE DATE

The South Shankill Residents Association (SSRA) AGM takes place at 8pm on Tuesday 26th March in the Bowling Club, Quinns Road.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

The SCMC meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks Centre, Lower Road at 7.45 p.m.All are very welcome.
Http://www.shankillclassical.org. Contact John O' Hagan (087 2109175) for more information.
Dates for your diary: Wednesday 6th March and Wednesday 3rd April.

SHANKILL/SHANKILL PROJECT

In October 2019 it will be 25 years since the Shankill/Shankill Project was first launched at a meeting in Belfast. The project was the brainchild of Charlie Martin from Shankill, Co Dublin and was ably run and managed by Elaine Bailey, also from Shankill.

The aim was to bring together people from the North and South of Ireland, regardless of their religious or political persuasions, to engage in social activities. With the help of Co-Operation North (now Co-Operation Ireland), Charlie initially met with community workers from the Greater Shankill area of Belfast. A need to work with young people was soon identified.

The first exchange took place between two local football clubs (one North and one South) and involved under 11 boys' teams and girls teams from ages 12 to 21. This interaction was a great success and the Shankill/Shankill Project took off from there. At its height the project catered for over 500 children in schools and youth clubs, north and south.

WERE YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY INVOLVED IN THE SHANKILL/SHANKILL PROJECT BETWEEN 1994 AND 2007?

If you or any of your family participated in the project in any way and are interested in taking part in an event being planned to mark this special anniversary, please contact the following email address: ***shankillproject@gmail.com***

SHANKILL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

A support network for separated and divorced people has been set up and is open to persons of any faith denomination, or none.

All are welcome to contact us by texting 087-364-6067 or by emailing us at ***listeningear14@gmail.com***

A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly group meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

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Sheelin Avenue, Ballybrack

We are taking enrolments for 2019 and there are places still available. Application forms available on ***www.gaelscoilphadraig.org*** or from the office at ***2827345***. We are an all-Irish primary school under the patronage of an Foras Pátrúnachta with a Catholic ethos.

Táimid ag glacadh le h-iontrálacha don bhliain 2019 agus tá áiteanna fós ar fáil againn. Is féidir foirm iontrála a fháil ar an suíomh ***www.gaelscoilphadraig.org*** nó ón oifig ag ***2827345***. Bunscoil lán-ghaelach is ea Gaelscoil Phádraig faoin bhForas Pátrúnachta, le sainchreideamh Caitliceach.

LÁ OSCAILTE
OPEN DAY

DÉARDAOIN 28ú MÁRTA
THURSDAY 28th MARCH

3.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

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SOME RELEVANT UPDATES:

Citizens Information

Revenue's **updated PAYE system** is fully operational since 1 January 2019. **Changes from 2019 include** - Tax Statements will replace the P60 and P45. As part of PAYE modernisation, P45's and P60's have been abolished and replaced with an online system. Since **1 January 2019**, employers have to report details of their employees' pay, income tax, PRSI and USC to Revenue every time they pay their employees. Employers must also give details of any employees leaving their job to Revenue.

P60: After the end of each year - up to the end of 2018 - within 6 weeks of the end of each tax year, an employer had to give an employee a statement of how much they were paid for the year and what was deducted for tax, USC and PRSI during the year. This document is called a **P60 certificate**. For the year **2019** and in future years, employees will no longer get a P60 at the end of each tax year from their employers. **NB** -Instead, an **end of year statement** will be available to each individual through Revenue's myAccount service. An end of year statement includes details of all an employee's pay and deductions from all employments for that tax year. It also records Local Property Tax (LPT) deductions (if an employee chooses to have the LPT deducted from their pay). The end of year statement will be available for the year 2019 after 31 December 2019 using Revenue's myAccount service. This statement contains details of pay as well as the income tax, PRSI and Universal Social Charge (USC) that has been deducted by the employer and paid to Revenue. It is an important statement, as it is a record of the employee's PRSI contributions. An individual can request a paper version of the statement by contacting their local tax office.

P45: Up to the end of 2018, if an employee left their job, their employer had to give them a statement of how much they were paid from the start of the year to the last day of their job, and what was deducted for tax, USC and PRSI during this period. This document is called a P45. For the year **2019** and in future years, employees will no longer get a P45 when they leave a job. Instead, the employer will enter the leaving date and details of the final pay and deductions into Revenue's online system and the employee can access these details through Revenue's myAccount service. From 2019 the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection will no longer require a **P45** for claims.

PRSI - An employee's social insurance contributions (PRSI) are deducted by the employer and collected by Revenue. If the social insurance contributions have not been paid the individual may lose entitlement to a social welfare benefit or the amount of the state pension may be reduced. If an individual has worked in another country, their social insurance record in that country may help them qualify for benefits in Ireland. **Employer's PRSI obligations** - the employer is responsible for deducting social insurance contribution from salaries / wages and paying it together with the employer's contribution to Revenue. The deduction made is written on the pay slip. If the amount paid to Revenue is not correct the employer is responsible for making up the deficit. From January 2019, under PAYE modernisation, employers have to report details of their employees' pay, income tax, PRSI and USC to Revenue every time they pay their employees. From mid-2019, employees will be able to log onto Revenue's online services and view these details in real-time. **Employer not complying with PRSI obligations** - Under the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 1993 the employer is obliged to register all employees for PRSI, pay the correct contributions, maintain accurate records for all employees and to produce these records when requested by social welfare inspectors. Failure to do so can result in penalties, prosecution or both. The weekly income threshold for the higher rate of employer's PRSI will increase from €376 to €386 from 1 January 2019 to ensure that there is no incentive to reduce the working hours for a full-time employee on the increased minimum wage. **PRSI CONTRIBUTIONS** - An individual can request a copy of their social insurance record (PRSI Contributions) online. To check their social insurance record, an individual will need their PPS number. This number is a unique identification number which is required when dealing with State agencies.

Universal Social Charge (USC) - The 4.75% rate of USC has been reduced to 4.5% for 2019. The ceiling of the 2% band will increase from €19,372 to €19,874, so that the salary of a full-time worker on the minimum wage will remain outside the higher rates of USC. Incomes of €13,000 or less will continue to be exempt from USC in 2019. Once income is over this limit, the following rates apply (from 1 January 2019):

- €0 to €12,012 @ 0.5%
- €12,012 to €19,874 @ 2%
- €19,874 to €70,044 @ 4.5%
- €70,044+ @ 8%
- Self-employed income over €100,000: 3% surcharge

Self-employment - a person who is self-employed is responsible for paying their **own** social insurance contributions. As they are not **directly** employed the person for whom they are working is not the employer and is therefore not responsible for paying the social insurance contributions of the self-employed person. The Code of Practice in determining Employment Status contains criteria which can be used to clarify whether a person is employed or self-employed. The Scope Section of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection makes the decision if it is not clear as to whether an individual is employed or self-employed. **The Earned Income Tax Credit** for the Self-employed has increased from €1,150 to €1,350 for 2019. This is relevant for taxpayers earning self-employed trading or professional income in certain cases and for business owners or managers who are not eligible for a Pay As You Earn (PAYE) credit on their salary income.

(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. Or Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

FINANCE CORNER

ASK the Expert

QUESTION: "I want to start saving money for a rainy day but interest rates with the banks are still so low. What are my options when it comes to savings policies?"

Over the last number of years, Ireland has enjoyed a historically low interest rate environment, which is great news for tracker mortgage holders – but you are right, this is not so good for deposit savers.

Savings plans can be a suitable option whether you have a lump sum of money to invest or you want to put money away regularly. Your savings can be invested in a range of investment funds depending on your risk profile.

Savings plans are a suitable option if:

- You plan to invest for the long term - at least five years.
- You want the potential to earn a good return on your savings.
- You would like a choice as to where your money is invested and the level of risk you are happy to take.

No one wants to take any unnecessary risks with their investment. However, there is a trade-off between risk and return. The lower the level of risk that you are prepared to take, the lower the potential for any investment gains / losses. Likewise, the higher the level of risk assumed, the higher the potential for investment gains, but also the potential for higher investment losses. All investment funds have a risk rating assigned to them. These usually range from level 1 (low risk) to level 7 (high risk).

While you may intend to invest for the long-term life sometimes gets in the way! There are many types of savings plans now available that allow you the flexibility of being able to access your money if you need to, without any penalties.

Additional charges to consider:

- Tax is payable on any gains made (35% for 2019). This tax will be deducted by your policy provider and paid to Revenue on your behalf.
- There is currently a Government Levy of 1% which applies to all amounts invested.
- There will also an annual management fee charged by the policy provider which is normally between 1% to 1.25%. per annum.

Before considering a savings plan, we suggest talking to your financial broker to establish your risk profile and to find the best product to suit your financial goals.

Source: Zurich & Shankill Financial Services.

James Maguire James is a Qualified Financial Advisor (QFA) with excellent knowledge of the financial services industry. James is a co-owner at Shankill Financial Services Ltd, your local financial broker

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

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community games
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2019 Registrations NOW OPEN for all events

To enter you must live in the greater **Shankill/ Rathmichael/Bray DLR local area.**

The participant must be under the age they compete in on **31st July 2019.**

Pre-registration required for all events. Forms available local schools or St. Anne's Resource Centre.

Face to face registrations will take place as follows:
Sun 3rd March: from 11.30am St. Anne's Resource Centre
Mon 4th and Fri 8th March: from 2.30pm St. Anne's School
Wed 6th March: from 2.15pm St. Anne's Resource Centre.

Fundraising
We will have a church gate collection in St. Anne's Church on Sat 9th and Sun 10th March. This is our one and only fundraiser and your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Cross Country
U13 1,200m, Mixed distance relay U12 and U14 and Marathon 7km U16. Trials will be held in Tymon Park on Wed 10th April at 6.30pm from which Dublin panels will be formed to competed in National Championships on 25th/26th Mary 2019.

Handwriting
Sunday 10th March 1pm ages U10 and U12 yrs.
Art Sunday 10th March 2pm Art (all ages U8 to U16yrs)

Mini Rugby
Mini Rugby will be first up and any boys aged 9 or 10yrs on 31st July this year are more than welcome to come along email if interested

Athletics
Sunday 28th April 2.30 pm Shanganagh Park all ages 6yrs to 16yrs. This is always a wonderful community event with short and middle distance races for all age groups. First 2 in each group will be eligible to compete in Dublin Finals in Santry on 8th /9th June 2019. Relay panels will also be formed. Long puck and ball thrown competitions will also take place on this day. It is also possible to do a range of field events in specific age groups.

Check out ***www.communitygames.ie*** for further details.

GAA football and hurling
We will soon be forming teams for boys U10 football, boys U11 hurling and girls U12 and U14 football. These are local teams specifically for community games. You can be a member of any club (or none) to be part of this. Just email shankillcommunitygames.ie if you would like to be included.

Talent
(Solo singing or solo music or recitation) Ages U12 and U16. Dublin finals will take place in St. Anne's School on 2nd May 2019 at 7.30pm.

SHANKILL ACTION FOR A GREEN EARTH
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Communities Working Together

The Better Energy Scheme [BEC] is progressing which means that a number of private houses and public buildings will benefit from improved energy efficiency. When complete we will receive a 'budget estimate' of the amount of carbon these interventions will save towards our hope of saving 5% of Shankill's energy spend of approximately €20m per annum.

Unfortunately it looks as if we will be able to do little more about St. Anne's Church. In order to be part of a BEC scheme it is necessary to be able to estimate how much CO2 the intervention will save. Unfortunately it is not possible to estimate with sufficient certainty how much reorganising the side doors to prevent draughts would save. It is all about numbers not comfort.

There is a plan, with help from the County Council, to turn the grass area on the left when leaving the Church into a wild life meadow of wild flowers with a simple walk way through it. We hope that besides encouraging the insect wild life, bees and butterflies principally, it will also be a place of peace and rest, if you can ignore the traffic!

SAGE is being represented, with our banner, at the weekly demonstration outside the Dail at 1.00pm on Fridays. The number attending is increasing each week. Currently in early February around 40 – 50 people of all ages. The aim is to keep in front of the Government the fact that the Irish Public require genuine action on Climate Change, action that only the government can take.

A date for your diary: Thursday 4th April Lorna Gold who used to head up Trocaire's response to Climate Justice issues and now lectures at Maynooth will speak about Climate Change as it affects her as a mother with two small children and the worry about what sort of World will she leave for them.

You may have noticed that last summer was very sunny, very dry, but not particularly hot, at least compared with what others were having to put up with. If you look at the map of world temperature anomalies [the difference from the average of the years 1950 - 1980] The North Atlantic, which included Ireland stayed cool. The reason is very worrying: The Greenland ice is melting so fast that it is flooding the north Atlantic with cold fresh water which stays on the surface, keeping us cool of course, but also interfering with the circulation system which keeps the Gulf Stream going. We should be seriously concerned.

Failte go La le Phadraigh

Shankill GAA Club

YOUR COMMUNITY . . . YOUR GAA CLUB

Operation Transformation
What a brilliant turnout for the first night of the Operation Transformation walks with 186 people taking part. There was great banter and craic on the way with everyone in great spirits. The walks continued for six weeks with fantastic numbers turning out each week and hopefully all losing a few pounds in weight. The walkers even got a spot on RTE TV. Thank you all for your participation in this great community event and getting our Village people up on their feet. Thank you to Fr John and the Parish committee for allowing us the use of the church cark park which was very much appreciated.

Juvenile Academy
The fun and games have resumed with the return of the Academy indoors in the gym at St Laurence College. The girls and boys are there every Saturday from 10.00am to 11.00am. The coaches are there with all equipment and the cost is only €2 per child and there is no annual subscription. Please come along and give the Academy a try.

Quiz Night
A great night was had by all in Brady's at our table quiz. A total of 24 teams pitted their collective brains together to try and answer some searching questions. Quiz master Jimmy did his best and after a few queries we got a winning team. Thanks to Emma and the staff at Brady's for all their help, to the teams and all who bought raffle tickets.

Social Committee
A special thanks to Jen, Linda, Orla, Sinead, Jimmy, Eoin & Mary who organised the quiz and Operation Transformation. Well done guys, What's next?

Quiz Master Jimmy Nolan with the winning team of Sean Breathnach, Mary, Terry, & Desmond O Donnell.

The Drive for 5
There is a lot of talk in the County this year if the Senior football team can win five All Ireland titles in a row a feat never achieved before in the history of the GAA. Well we wish Jim Gavin and his team the best of luck in that effort. However here in Shankill we have our own version of the drive for 5. Our Men's Adult Football team has spent the last 5 years in Division 11 of the Dublin league and they now think it's time to drive on and up the charts. Training is ongoing and our boys acquitted themselves well in the Cabinteely GAA Club 7's reaching the Shield Final. We are looking for players, so would you like to help Shankill in their drive? Leave a message on our Facebook page or contact Kevin Martin 086 844 9902.

Shankill team which played in the Cabinteely GAA Club 7's blitz.

CHASE the ACE
At the time of going to press the Jackpot stands at €1850. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 available in the Brady's or from club members.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent(s),

Shankill Senior's Social Club

I was delighted to welcome a very vibrant group from Shankill Senior's Social Club to Leinster House recently, see their article in this issue. The ladies and gentlemen of the group were in flying form and I thoroughly enjoyed their company. If your club, community group, school or group of friends would like to do a tour of Leinster House, please contact my office. Please note that available tour slots are 10.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

Irish National Blind Tennis Championship at Shankill Tennis Club

Congratulations to all the competitors and medal winners at the recent National Blind Tennis Championship hosted by Shankill Tennis Club. Special thanks and congratulations to organiser and referee Sarah O'Donoghue and her father Liam, the man who originally brought Blind Tennis to Ireland. The work put in by Sarah, Liam and the other volunteers has brought not only the National Championships to Shankill but also the World Championships. Ireland has some of the best competitors in the world and it was fantastic to meet so many on the day. I was honoured to present medals at the event along with Cllr. Jim Gildea, a founding member and first Chairperson of Shankill Tennis Club.

Parental Leave

From November, **PAID Parental Benefit** will be available for the first time. The new Parental Benefit scheme, announced as part of Budget 2019, will provide for paid parental leave supporting up to 60,000 parents a year to spend an additional 2 weeks with their babies, during the crucial first 12 months of the child's life.

Both parents will have access to 2 weeks each of Parental Benefit, each parent will be able to take the new paid leave any time – and at the same time if they so wish – during their child's first year. Over time, it is expected that the period available under this paid parental leave will be extended up to 7 weeks paid leave for each parent. Parental Benefit will be paid at the same rate as these existing schemes – after March 2019 this will be €245 per week.

Fine Gael supports the extension of **unpaid parental leave** from 18 weeks to 26 weeks per year over the next 2 years (4 weeks extra from this September; 4 weeks from next September). The age of the child for which the entitlement is available will also increase from 8 years to 12 years. Any parent who has already availed of the current scheme will be eligible to receive the further 8 weeks of parental leave. This additional unpaid leave will give parents flexibility and breathing space when they need it.

Check your Passport

At this time of year, many people start making plans for travel. Please check your passport, and the passports of anyone that may be travelling with you, especially children, before you book travel.

The fastest way to renew a passport, either adult or child, is to renew online. More information on online renewals can be found on ***https://www.dfa.ie/passportonline.*** Current turnaround times are **10 working days for online renewals and 15 working days for "Passport Express" postal renewals.** Please note that first time applications can take considerably longer than renewals.

I continue to work hard to represent the people of Shankill and the rest of the constituency. If I can be of any assistance in relation to your State pension, or on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199.

Kind regards,

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD

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Shankill Classical Music Club

A cornucopia of concertos

Concerto - what comes to mind? A flamboyant soloist, caught in a spotlight, the more photogenic the better, pounding a keyboard or slashing at a violin, hair flying, perspiration dripping, surfing great waves of sound as battle is engaged with a large orchestra of old pros bored to the teeth with yet another performance of a nineteenth-century war-horse with the latest superstar?

Yet Sheila Thomson in the February meeting managed to put together a fascinating and very enjoyable programme entirely of concerto movements, with not a Liszt, a Rachmaninov, a Brahms, a Tchaikovsky to be heard. Indeed, the era of big romantic show-stoppers was completely unrepresented, and refreshingly none the worse for that. Slow movements by Beethoven (from the Triple Concerto) and Mendelssohn (from his second piano concerto, with a serious, almost prayer-like flavour) were about as un-show-offy as the nineteenth century gets.

Even the three pieces from the twentieth century didn't conform to the stereotype. Shostakovich was either aggressive/obsessive, in the first movement of the first cello concerto, dominated by his personal DSCH motif; or sardonically jokey, in the finale of the first of the two for violin. And Gerald Finzi was mellifluous and typically "English pastoral" in the finale of his clarinet concerto.

For the rest, we had an unusually wide variety of instruments, textures and moods from both the baroque and classical ends of the eighteenth century. Generally smaller and more intimate in scale, virtuosic indeed but not so obviously so, respecting the original sense of musicians playing together ("in concert") rather than in opposition. So we had Vivaldi for two sprightly trumpets, and also for two tinkling mandolins (in this case a single player, apparently double-tracked – maybe they couldn't find two mandolinists?). Mozart for bassoon, and for oboe. The Haydn brothers – Michael for flute and the better-known Joseph for horn. Handel for organ, and even that was played on a modest-sounding instrument. And although J. S. Bach wrote lots of single or multi-instrument concertos, Sheila chose instead a couple of vocal movements, on the historically unchallengeable principle that the term concerto in the baroque era was loosely enough employed to include many works that later generations uniformly labelled cantatas.

Eat your heart out, Horowitz!

The March 2019 meeting will be on the usual first Wednesday evening, the 6th, at the usual time and venue: 7.45 to 10.00 (with tea and biscuits at the interval), at the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome, with a cover charge on the night of only two euro.

Put the date in your diary now!

For more details of the club please see our website ***http://www.shankillclassical.org*** *or ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).*

SHANKILL FC
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Fundraising for Shankill FC Clubhouse

On Oct 13th we discovered thieves had stolen the lead guttering from the roof of our clubhouse and torrential rain poured in resulting in the clubhouse being completely flooded. Thankfully, the wonderful spirit of the Shankill community came to our rescue with offers of help by many local people including tradesmen, local businesses, other local sports clubs and the general community.

We held a quiz night in Bradys and did multiple bag packing events in Dunnes of Cornelscourt which generated €3,500 towards the clubhouse restoration fund.

We want to send a huge "Thank you" to the people of Shankill and surrounding areas. We are very grateful for your help and generosity.

New Players Needed
For opportunities on all our boys & girls teams from U8 to U18 and academies, please email us at ***info@shankillfc.ie*** or visit our website us at ***www.shankillfc.ie***

Well Done Aoibh!

Another proud day for the Shankill FC girls as Aoibh Hall, who started in our soccer academy several years ago, received her FAI C license. Well done Aoibh

Recipes

by Vivien Reid

This pie is a tasty way to encourage the family to eat fish. It can be made ahead of time, then bake in the oven just before being eaten. Make sure it is hot all the way through - it will take a bit longer from cold, add about 10 minutes cooking time.

FISH PIE

Serves 6

600g fish, e.g. haddock, hake, monkfish, trout, skinned and boned
600ml milk
½ onion
1 bay leaf
6 pepper corns
20g butter
20g plain flour
2 tomatoes, skinned and sliced
3 tablesp. flat-leaf parsley, chopped
1 tablesp. lemon juice
Salt and freshly-ground black pepper

Topping
900g freshly mashed potatoes
25g cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat the oven to Gas Mark 6, 200°C (400°F).
Place the milk, onion, bay leaf and pepper corns in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, add the fish and cook gently for 4-5 minutes. Remove the fish from the pan, allow to cool a little, then flake into bite-sized pieces and place in a bowl.

Melt the butter in a saucepan, then stir in the flour. Cook for 2-3 minutes, stirring all the time until golden brown. Gradually stir in the fish cooking liquid until the mixture boils, season with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat and allow to simmer gently for 3-4 minutes until thickened.
Now add the sauce to the fish in the bowl along with the parsley and lemon juice and taste for seasoning.
Spoon half the fish mixture into a 1½ litre baking dish, arrange the sliced tomatoes on top and then spoon in the rest of the fish. Spread the mashed potatoes on top, finely sprinkle the cheese all over and bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes until heated through and browned.

Chef's Tip: Try not to over-cook the fish in the milk as it will have plenty of time to cook through when in the oven. Any combination of fish will work in this recipe. Include some smoked fish for a stronger flavour. Serve with green vegetables or side salad.

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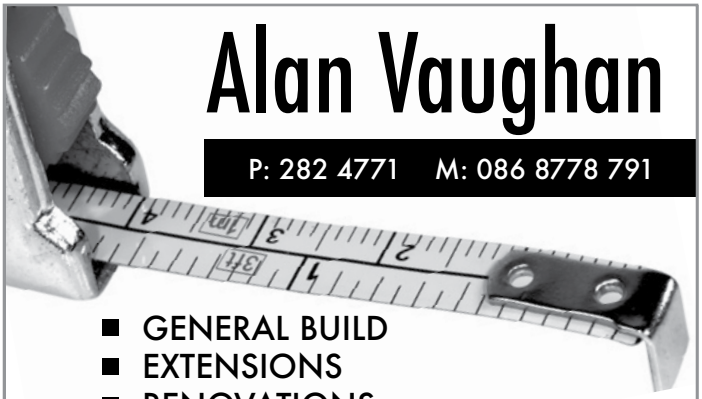

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Do you want to give something back and make a difference? Saint Joseph's Shankill are putting the call out to local people to join their team of volunteers to 'make moments matter' for the people in their care living with dementia. Come along to an information evening and learn about what volunteering roles are on offer at Saint Joseph's on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 from 7pm – 8pm in Saint Joseph's Shankill, Crinken Lane.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the only care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care – where the feelings of the people in their care matter most. On foot of winning the 2018 Nursing Home Ireland (NHI) Excellence in Dementia Care award, the team at Saint Joseph's know they can do more, and with more people on board the sky's the limit! What does it involve? It could be cycling their TrioBike to bring people out and about to the local park, or becoming a 'buddy' to one of the people living in Saint Joseph's, or maybe you enjoy DIY or arts and crafts or you play an instrument or enjoy singing, you can share your hobby with us or simply accompany someone on a walk, it will make their day.

Michael Caulfield is one of the volunteers at Saint Joseph's. He joined the team in 2018 as a TrioBike Volunteer. Michael brings the people living in Saint Joseph's out and about so that they can feel the wind in their hair and meet local people in the nearby park. Helping create these special moments means a lot to Michael: "I recently retired and wanted to give something back to the community. I cycle the TrioBike when the weather is good and when it's not I'll help out in whatever way I can. I know that I'm making a difference, anyone who gets involved will get so much from giving back so come along and join the team!"

Saint Joseph's vision is to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland through innovation, education and community engagement. Developing best practices that others can replicate, where families, staff, volunteers and communities are supported, engaged, and empowered to ensure that people living with dementia enjoy the Quality of Life they deserve.

Harp Deighan of HB Studio, volunteers her talents as a designer with Saint Joseph's, 'I am delighted that I can use my skills to assist the wonderful work at Saint Joseph's, I was inspired by the work I know they were doing and wanted to help in a way I knew would help create better awareness for them.'

The home delivers excellence in dementia care to people with this very difficult illness who live and attend day care at Saint Joseph's. It is home to 60 people who live in one of the six lodges with others who are at the same stage of dementia. They are cared for together in a 'homelike' environment where the focus is on people's emotions and making them feel like they really matter, despite living with a diagnosis of dementia.

Nicola Yau is the new Volunteer Coordinator at Saint Joseph's, she says:
"Volunteers really are at the heart of what we do in Saint Joseph's, we welcome people from every background, and encourage people to use their talents to help us in the work we do. If you have a free morning, afternoon or evening we've got a place for you here in Saint Joseph's. Volunteers enable us to connect emotionally with the people in our care and really ensure they know they are loved and really matter to us."

The information evening for new volunteers will take place on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 from 7pm – 8pm in Saint Joseph's Shankill. To register your interest contact Nicola on (01) 2823000 or by email: nicola.yau@sjog.ie.
For more details check out: https://saintjosephsshankill.ie/volunteer-2/
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Pictured: Cllr Jim Gildea, Sinead Moran, Ann Bolger, minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Norma Sheehan, Janice Reyes, Catherine Mullen, Aidan O'Toole accepting on behalf of James Leahy and Aldo de Guzman - and that doesn't include all the rest of the team who were all part of winning the Excellence in Dementia Care award. Picture credit Ger Holland.

Seanchill le Chéile
Shankill Together

These pages outline Shankill Tidy Towns' 2019 programme and longer term objectives through to 2024. It is proposed to present these in greater detail at a public meeting in April.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

Shankill Tidy Towns (STT) is at a crossroads. Should we focus on sustaining recent high standards or seek a significant uplift in performance? After a long sequence of silver and bronze medals, should we go for **gold**?

Given limited resources, perhaps we should scale back our efforts. This will be inevitable if we do not generate real community support.

Going for gold will mean a number of key initiatives to bring a 'Wow!' factor to Shankill. These will have to cover all Tidy Towns judging categories, particularly where Shankill's performance is relatively poor. We need to bring visible, tangible change to Shankill but we must not try to do more than we can reasonably achieve.

Whatever we choose to do, we must do it TOGETHER!

Our Approach:

Participation in STT is entirely voluntary and while the enthusiasm of our volunteers is unquestionable, numbers are relatively few. Shankill residents have been very generous in their contributions in recent years and substantial funding may be available through DLR and various national agencies. To benefit from funding of this nature, STT must develop and implement appropriate projects.

In addition to what our own volunteers do, STT must stimulate broader community action. It must act as a **catalyst** for local clubs, societies and resident associations to enhance Shankill.

Our Ambition:

Our goals are rooted in the concept of community:

- Building community spirit in Shankill, reflecting our pride in a beautiful place, a wonderful location - **a great place to live, work and play**.
- **Shankill - A vibrant active community between the mountains and the sea**.

STT views performance in competitions as an indication of our success in achieving its goals.

Shankill differs from other communities, such as established tourist destinations and those with large businesses that are major employers of local residents.

Shankill is a suburban community without an established tourist industry or major employers. It has a large population but its principal public buildings are spread over a relatively large area.

STT should focus on the core central area but to do so exclusively would not be consistent with the sense of community we seek to promote.

Our challenge is to devise an approach that can bring the whole community together to realise Shankill's undoubted potential - **to identify and nourish what is uniquely Shankill.**

'Newly commissioned' volunteer litter pickers from Newpark School

Selma Reby, Saul Light, Liadain McGarry and Maya Garcia Verdugo Merin.

Competition Scores

STT volunteers are always heartened by frequent comments on how well Shankill looks.

Winning the DLR Tidy Districts' award for Best Community / Business Involvement was very gratifying, given our commitment to building community spirit.

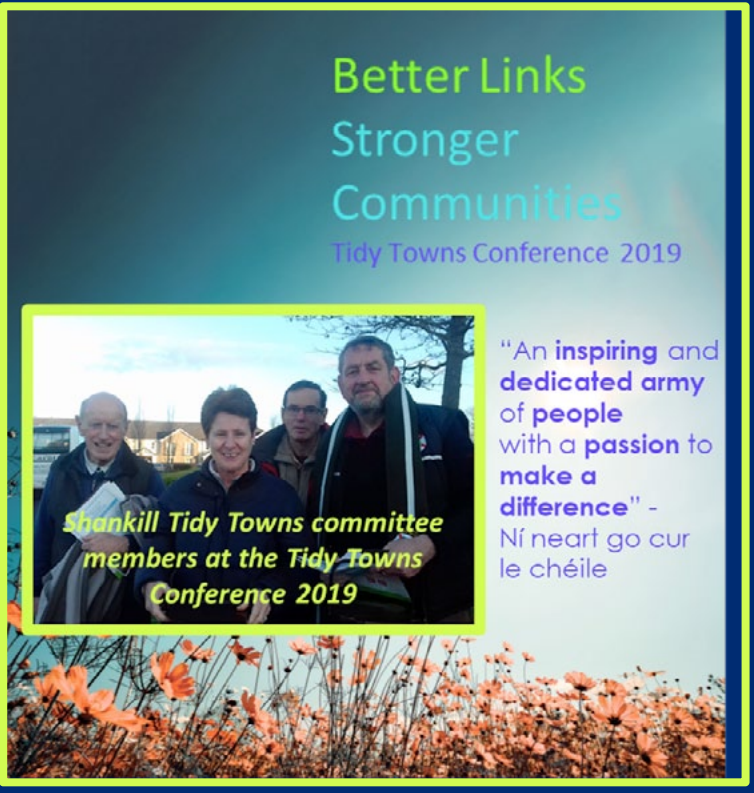
In the national SuperValu Tidy Towns, Shankill won its 9th consecutive medal; no small achievement. It is disappointing that, after silver in 2016 and 2017, 2018's medal was bronze, but, for some years, Shankill has hovered between bronze and silver.

It is difficult to maintain an existing position, as overall standards continue to rise. STT's immediate goal may be to regain a silver medal; but to realise our ambition, we must first seek to move into solid silver territory and to challenge for gold.

Most entrants scores improve year on year. From a possible 450 points, we scored 317 in 2018, winning a bronze medal, while in 2017, 312 earned us silver as did 309 in 2016 but 302 in 2015 and 298 in 2014 resulted in bronze medals.

The score of the winning town/village has risen over the years, from Kilkenny's 320 in 2014 to Listowel's 339 in 2018.

To go for gold, STT must improve performance over all categories particularly those where performance is lagging or static.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Shankill Tidy Towns committee members at the Tidy Towns Conference 2019
"An inspiring and dedicated army of people with a passion to make a difference" - Ní neart go cur le chéile

Judging Categories

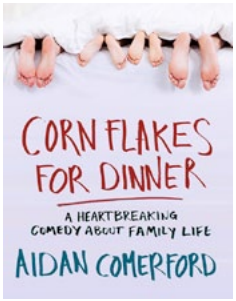
	Max.	Shankill		Bench-mark
		2018	2014	
Community - Planning & Involvement	60	44	41	50
Streetscape & Public Spaces	50	38	37	44
Green Spaces & Landscaping	50	45	41	43
Nature & Biodiversity	50	37	36	40
Sustainability - Doing more with less	50	17	15	23
Tidiness & Litter Control	90	58	54	60
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	36	34	38
Approach Roads, Streets & Lane	50	42	40	38
	450	317	298	336

2018 Overall Winner: Listowel 339

Winter Sunset in Shankill, February 2019

Book Rwviews

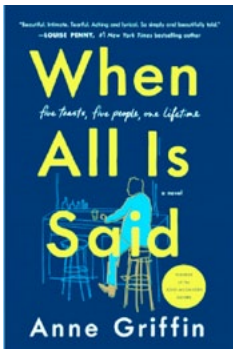
By Jackie O'Neill



Cornflakes For Dinner
by Aidan Commerford (Gill Books)

My favourite line from this book is "Sometimes a marriage is just two people taking turns to cry."

If you like reading books that make you laugh out loud, cry like a baby and everything in between then this is the book for you. Aidan flings open the front door of his home and ushers us inside to meet his family... and aren't we the lucky ones. A really funny, brutally honest, raw and real story about marriage, parenting and autism, I really think everyone should read this book.



When All Is Said
by Anne Griffin (Scepture)

It's the seventh of June 2014 and 84 year old Maurice Hannigan is sitting alone at the bar of The Rainsford House Hotel in Rainsford, Co. Meath. He has a plan to raise five toasts to five special people in his life, and through them, we get to eavesdrop on the story of Maurice's life. Why is here alone? What is his connection to this family run hotel? And why has he booked the honeymoon suite?

This is a story about Ireland, a story about being a man of a certain generation, a story of loss, of revenge, of family, but mostly, as all the best stories are, it's a story about love.

Anne Griffin has written an absolute gem of a debut novel and I believe it's going to be a huge success.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

LITTER ON THE MOTORWAYS NEAR SHANKILL

Following a very large number of complaints I received from members of the public regarding litter on the M11 and M50 motorways, I sought the following information:

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive who is responsible for keeping the M11 & M50 motorways, and the associated On/Off ramps, in a neat and litter free condition?"*

Reply: The operation and maintenance of the M50 Motorway is managed through a PPP contract between the TII and the operator, M50 Concession Ltd. The operation and maintenance element of the PPP contract is for the length of the M50 Motorway between Junction 3 (M1) in the north and Junction 17 (M11) in the south, a total of 39km., This includes the motorway network in the DLR area and the associated on and off ramps. Included in the contract is responsibility for road cleaning and litter picking. Members of the public who wish to report issues or complaints can do by phone on freephone 1800 775050 or via email at info@m50concession.com.

I contacted GSJ Maintenance Ltd and I received the following reply: Cllr Gildea, I am O&M Manager for GSJ Maintenance Ltd. Extensive litter picking has been on-going throughout our motorway network. We will get to this area in the 2nd week of Feb.

FOOTPATH REPAIR AT CASTLE FARM, SHANKILL

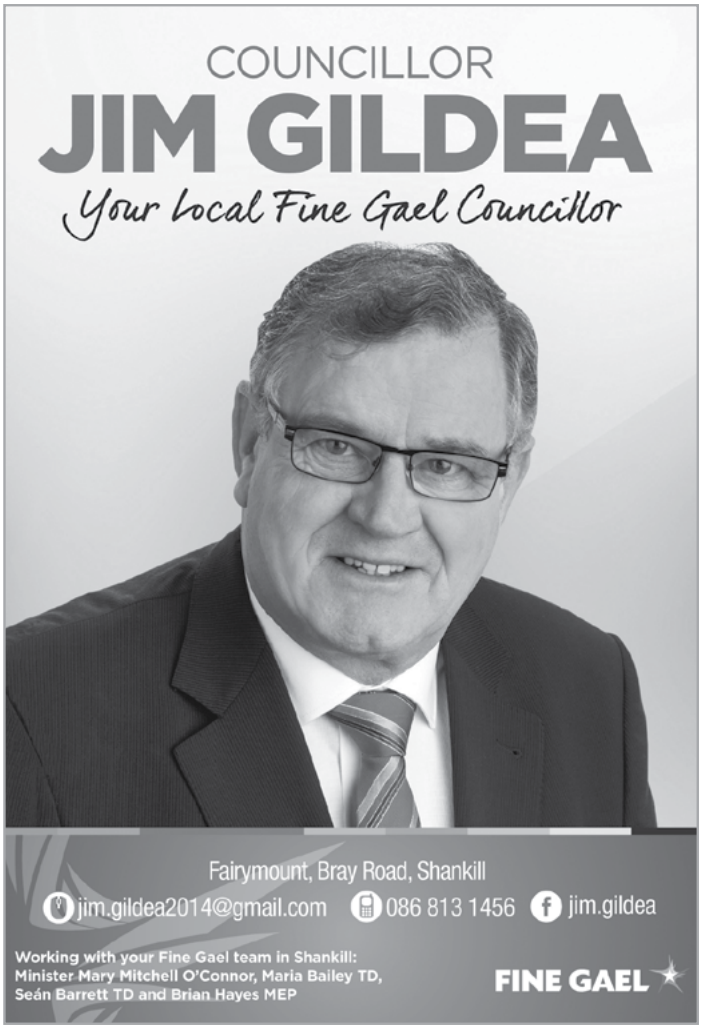
Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive when the footpaths at Castle Farm, Shankill will be repaired? It is noted that at a number of locations in this Estate the footpaths have been damaged by tree roots and some people have suffered injuries as a result of falls on the uneven surface?"*

Reply: There are a number of footpaths in this estate that have been damaged by the presence of tree roots. The footpath repair works will be included in the minor works for 2019. It is planned to do this in consultation with the Parks Section and carry out the works in Q1, 2019.

I am pleased that work has already commenced on the footpaths and that replacement trees have been planted. Some further work is required to replenish the grass verges and to manage the woodland area between the estate and Shrewsbury Road.

NEW SHOPPING CENTRE

Following representations I made to the Planning Dept. and the Traffic Section & Roads Control Unit of DLR Co Co regarding the temporary vehicular entrance at Corbawn Lane, I received confirmation from them that the contractor will implement a manned stop/go traffic management plan at the access point and that the entrance will be closed outside of business hours. This plan will remain in place until the end of the building project at which time vehicular access at this point will be blocked. DLR Traffic Section and Roads Control Unit will continue to monitor the traffic management plan. It is expected that the new supermarket will open in late May/early June.



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If you are interested in learning a lifesaving skill whilst giving back to your community, Shankill and Ballybrack CFR are currently recruiting Community First Responders for the Shankill, Ballybrack and surrounding areas.

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A live demonstration of a cardiac arrest from CFRs and National Ambulance Service

SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes PRO

The annual charity Bowls match between Dun Laoghaire Bowling Club and ourselves in aid of The Simon Community Charity was held this year on the Dun Laoghaire green with the considerable sum of Euro €1700.00 raised for them. The game was competitive enough this year with most rinks playing to the last end to achieve a result. Our Club President, Michael Ryan thanked everyone involved and said that this Charity game would be held at Shankill Bowling club green in 2019 and hoped to see us all there again.

The A.G.M. of the men's section, held in our Clubhouse, was very well attended and congratulatory due to our success in finishing on the top of Division 3 2018 and winning the "Cullen Cup" plus promotion to Division 2 senior league 2019.

At the election of officers a new Captain, Christy Shortt, was voted in and our heartiest congratulations go to him and our best wishes for the coming season. Also our sincere thanks go to our outgoing Captain Thomas Dillon for a most successful year in Office. He achieved a lot in that one year. The team played their hearts out every man every game, home and away and were awarded with their medals from the Bowling League of Ireland, all richly deserved. Our Ladies expect to play in their Division 2 league this season having had to withdraw from Division 1 last year due to lack of team players. We wish them well in the coming year. Our Indoor bowlers, having won both the Scott Cup and the Watson Shield last year, and now playing with confidence, are competing for the same Trophies again this year with Albert Tyson, the Captain, in charge. Indoor club nights are Mondays and Thursdays at 8pm - 10 pm for a game and the craic. Ladies and men are invited to join. Call to our Clubhouse during those times - if only just to try it out. You will be given lots of time and it is not too strenuous.

An exciting new competition is commencing on Sundays at 2pm over 10 weeks max. This event run, by Liam Rigby and Michael Quirke, will bring a welcome game of Roll / Up Bowling to Sundays. We ask all members both men and women to support this initiative.

New Members, Ladies and Men welcome and please take note that bowling is one of the best forms of exercise both physically and mentally.

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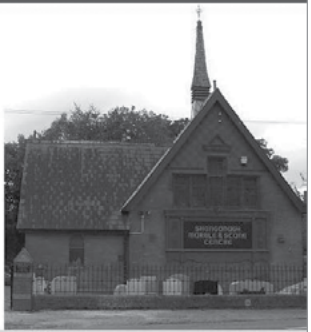

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

Dear Resident,

Local and European Elections will be held this year on Friday the 24th of May. I am one of two Labour candidates selected to contest the Killiney-Shankill Ward.

First elected to the Council in 1991 you have elected me to represent you at each subsequent election. **FOR THIS I SAY SINCERE THANKS.**

You can be assured I will continue to give solid and practical representation. I passionately believe in Local Government and that it works for all citizens. The experience I have gained over the years will ensure your interests are protected.

Looking forward to meeting you over the coming Months as I canvass in your area. Again my thanks for your continuing support.

NEW SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SHANGANAGH PARK COMMUNITY HOUSE, RATHSALLAGH

I am pleased that work will commence in the coming weeks on a new single storey extension to Shanganagh Park Community Centre. This is the second phase of a community gain project which I had included in the feasibility study for the building of the Shanganagh Waste Treatment Plant. A M.U.G.A (multi use games area) has already been built on open space at Shanganagh Cliffs as part of the first phase. I welcome and appreciate the support and input of the following committees on this project: Shanganagh Park House, Estate Forum and Shanganagh Community Development Board. The new extension will include a general purpose room with storage, small office area, access lobby and wheelchair toilet. The lobby will be accessed from the Mary Robinson Room (old billiard room) and from the external ramps, thus providing disabled access to this section of the building.

Labour

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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Shankill Seniors' Social Club

On 5th February 2019 thirteen members of the club visited Dáil Éireann at the invitation of Minister Mary Mitchell-O'Connor TD, Minister of State for Higher Education.

The tour was particularly notable due to it being the 100th anniversary of the first sitting of the first Dáil on 21st January 1919. The sense of history was further highlighted by the fact that we had the pleasure of having Jack Sweeney in our group. Jack's father Joseph was the youngest member of that first Dáil. He is pictured below posing in front of a large poster of the members of that Dáil on the railings outside Leinster House.

Before the tour we had a chance to view 'Taoiseach's Questions' from the public gallery. The majority of TDs were sitting in the chamber and we had some fun identifying them. Mary Lou McDonald was querying the Taoiseach with regard to the Nurses' strike. The other main topic of discussion was the new Children's Hospital and the rising cost of this project.

Our guide was Martin Murray who was very informative and provided us with copies of the Proclamation and a poster depicting the first Dáil. Following the tour Minister Mitchell O'Connor took us to the Dáil Bar where we identified some other familiar faces and enjoyed the Minister's hospitality.

For further information contact Jackie Hall 0868671166 or Paula Morgan 0863467480

Shanganagh Ramblers

by Aidan Walsh

This month's long walk started with a drive on frosty roads through the snow covered Wicklow hills and past the frozen Vartry Reservoir to get to the village of Laragh, where we started our walk up Brockagh.

We started with a stroll through a lovely forested part of the Wicklow Way before we began our climb. Once out of the forest and up onto Brockagh we had fabulous views across to Derrybawn to the east and we got a glimpse of the lake in Glendalough (the only lake in the country without a name) Brockagh was covered in snow which made walking a bit more interesting as you don't know how deep the snow is until you step into it. This is where walking sticks prove very useful as you need to probe the snow as you walk.

The day started out sunny and clear, but got cloudier as the day went on and as we reached the summit there was a bitter breeze blowing. The decent off Brockagh is uneven and covered in heather, and by the time we reached the Hero's Mine we were ready for lunch, which we had in the salubrious surroundings of the mining village ruins. From there we joined the ice covered St Kevin's Pilgrims path back to Glendalough. It is always great to get a chance to go hillwalking in the snow, some extra precautions are necessary, but the countryside always looks spectacular.

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PROPOSED SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT "OLCOVAR", DUBLIN ROAD, SHANKILL

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is proposing to provide a new signalised pedestrian crossing on the Dublin Road, Shankill near the entrance to the "Olcovar" residential development approximately midway between the junctions with Castle Farm estate and Crinken Lane. The main aim of the scheme is to improve safety for pedestrians accessing both the nearby residential and commercial areas and the bus stops on the Dublin Road.

Dublin Road is a Regional Road (R119) with daily traffic volumes in the order of 12000 Vehicles per day. It is also a significant bus route with a number of services operating along it including the Nos 84, 84A and 145. The volume of traffic on the road creates difficulty for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users to cross the road to access the residential areas of Olcovar, Castle Farm and the commercial units opposite Olcovar. It is proposed to proceed to Tender and construction this year and that funding would come from Traffic Section's budget under Traffic Management Works.

INITIATIVES TO TACKLE DOG FOULING

Motion: *That the Chief Executive report on the initiatives to tackle the increasing problem of dog fouling within the functional remit of this Area Committee.*

Report: The Council runs a number of initiatives to tackle the problem of dog fouling. The Council's Dog Warden and Litter Wardens carry out regular patrols. The Wardens regularly target affected areas to ensure their presence deters offenders. Additional patrols are also carried out during the summer months in parks and on beaches. An additional €50,000 has been included in the budget for 2019 for a new initiative for disposal of dog waste. The Council is exploring the possibility of installing "Dog Waste bins" in areas where there is a persistent problem of dog fouling.

The Council recognises the need to promote environmental awareness around the problem of dog fouling and is committed to encouraging long-term behavioural change. At a school level, awareness and education of dog fouling will be highlighted in both primary and secondary schools through the Green-Schools programme.

At a community level, the Council promotes the Green Dog Walkers' Campaign. This community led, regional based programme is a positive and friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. The campaign asks individuals to take a pledge to be a Green Dog Ambassador and leave only paw-prints. Community groups are encouraged to hold their own local Green Dog Walkers events and promote this initiative within their own network. Leaflets and materials are provided to groups supporting the programme. The Council plans to re-launch the Green Dog Walkers campaign in March 2019.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Four of our children from 6th Class attended the annual Credit Union quiz held in the Killiney Castle Hotel. Fun was had by all. Many thanks to the parents who attended with them. The Credit Union continue to be very supportive of our school and have indeed given us a tablet which we can raffle. We intend to use this in our school quiz.

We had a Dance Day where the children got to dance to music for a period of the day in our hall. We aim to keep our children as active as we can in various different ways. This year we are going for our Active Flag so activity is especially paramount.

We are running around Europe also. Each class takes time out during the day to run around our Astro pitch. The distance is accounted for and each class is running to a different place in Europe.

Running and dancing is extremely good for the children's well-being. Well-being and mindfulness are important to us this year as we are doing our school self-evaluation in this area. It gives the children time away from studies, time to regroup themselves and allows the body to let off steam in an appropriate manner.

Canon Fred Appelbe retired on 28th February and will be a huge loss to the community. We held an evening for PTA members, Board of Management, Staff, Ancillary Staff etc. in the Old Conna Golf club on 7th February. The Legato Singers sang for us in the background and it was a lovely event. The Legato Singers play such lovely music and are available for events, weddings and funerals and can be reached at 0879539348 and thelegatosingers@gmail.com and on this website www.legatosingers.com

We were able to acknowledge all of Fred's amazing efforts over the years both in Rathmichael Church and in the school. He will be sorely missed by one and all.

IRISH GIRL GUIDES

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Introducing Rathmichael Irish Girl Guide Units

We have been busy getting ready for International Woman's Day on the 8th March which coincides with our District Day. This is a special day where the all the Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Guiding Units come to celebrate together.

March 17 – Leading up to St Patrick's Day our Ladybirds & Brownies will be working on their Irish Culture & Traditions Badge by learning Irish dancing, making a Tara Brooch, recognising the Irish flag & shamrock and much more.

February was a very special month for us as on the 22nd, it was "World Thinking Day". We celebrated 110 years of women in leadership. We are remembering the girls who in 1909 demanded something for themselves from our founder Lord Baden-Powell after visiting a Boy Scout rally in London. It is the official Birthday of the World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting (WAGGGS).

World Thinking Day is a day when Girl Guides across the globe give thanks for the International friendships they enjoy through the Guiding movement and raise money to deliver life-changing opportunities for girls in developing countries. If you would like to support this year's collection, please contact Roisin (details below).

Involvement in WAGGGS has a positive impact on girls, helping them grow in confidence, independence and maturity as they develop essential life skills. Our theme for 2019 is "Leadership". Leadership is a shared journey which empowers us to work together and bring positive change to our lives, the lives of others and our wider community.

"Scouting and Guiding is not only a game for children, it is a way of life for adults"
–Lord Baden Powell

If you would like to contact us regarding places for Ladybirds (5-7 years) contact Roisin 086-0557017/ rdavs2014@gmail.com or for Brownies (7-10 years) contact Cathy 087-2989731/whitecathyj@gmail.com. Please note that usually waiting lists are in place and there may not be places available straight away.

Join Irish Girl Guides as a Leader

Our Units have been running in the Rathmichael area for over 30 years, and we depend on volunteer leaders who give up their time each week to run the programmes.

Without their support the units cannot remain open. The more volunteer leaders that join the more girls we can include in our unit. Volunteering in the Girl Guides is a very rewarding experience and here are 8 key transferrable skills that you can apply to other aspects of your life.

- Organisation
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Project Planning
- Interpersonal
- Management
- Communication
- Problem-solving

We are seeking new Leaders and/or Unit Helpers to join us. Make friends for life and give girls confidence.

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St. Anne's National School

Grandparents Day

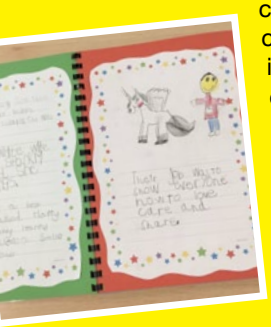
Children in all classes were delighted to welcome a great number of grandparents on 29th January. The children sang songs, recited poetry, shared lessons, presented projects and even interviewed their grandparents. The PTA organised refreshments in the library. Grandparents Day is a highlight of the school year for many of our pupil's and we hope that the visitors enjoyed it too!

Rugby Blitz

Jonny from Leinster rugby came to school for four weeks to teach rugby skills to fifth and sixth classes. Their new skills were put to good use when they joined 700 others to take part in a Rugby Blitz in Kilbogget Park on February 11th. Superb coaching and refereeing and outstanding performances and participation from our pupils on the day.

Write a Book Project

Many classes in the school took part in this year's Write a Book Project facilitated by the Blackrock Education Centre. Some of the infant classes worked to create a class book where the children worked cooperatively on the concept, writing and illustrations. Second class wrote their own books and were supported by teachers during their daily 'Literacy stations' to plan, draft and publish their very own, high quality books. Many children from the senior classes also wrote impressive stories and are looking forward to reading the stories that we receive from other schools.



Learning an instrument

Our lucky third classes have been given the opportunity to learn the Ukulele this term. Aidan from the Music Generation initiative is teaching the lessons. The Ukulele is a small plucked string instrument which originates from Hawaii. The instruments are on loan to the school so that the children can practice during the week.

Interview with Steve Davis

Interview with Steve, GAA Ball skills Coach conducted by the St Anne's Media Team

Q. Where in the school do you teach your classes?
A. In the junior and senior yard.

Q. What skills do they learn?
A. They learn the solo, pick up, kick pass, hand pass, high catch, chest catch and the punt kick.

Q. Are the skills hard, medium or easy level?
A. They are medium level.

Q. Do you do any warm up games?
A. Yes, flush the toilet, stuck in the mud, the traffic light game and tag.

Q. Are your classes good at it?
A. Yes. Very good at it.

Q. Do they get lots of exercise?
A. They do, most of the drills involve moving.

Q. What is your favourite skill to teach?
A. The punt kick.

Q. Do they enjoy it?
A. Yes, they do enjoy it.

Q. Do you enjoy it?
A. Yes.

Q. Is it fun!?
A. Yes, it is great fun.

Steve says, ***"It is great to see boys and girls learning new skills whilst having fun. It's great to see so many boys and girls from St. Anne's school playing for Shankill G.A.A club during the week and during the weekend."***

Poem:

The Reason Why School Is A Safe Place to Be

The reason why school is a safe place to be,
Is not always easy for us to see.
You're never alone, when everyone cares,
Especially if you can't find it,
outside school airs.

We always complain, when we have to go back,
When we don't realise, the thankfulness we lack.
Yes this is cheesy, more cheesy than your toast,
But we don't realise, until we miss it the most.

Here in St. Annes, it's always like a second home,
No matter our age, or how far we roam.
When your old and frail, looking up at the stars,
Remember St. Annes (or your school) who made you who you are.

By Ava Mulcahy 6th class

Local History Society Lectures

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Cormac Lowth will recall ***'Admiral Richard Brydges Beechey, Maritime Artist'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 7th in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

On Thursday April 4th Rob Goodbody will speak on ***'Ballycorus Lead Mines'*** at 8 p.m. in the same venue.

The Old Dublin Society
Kurt Kullmann will recall ***'The First Irish Railway: From Westland Row to Kingstown'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 13th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
All welcome - admission free.

Rosemary Raughter will speak on ***'Home Rule is casting many a shadow now"***: southern women and the Ulster Declaration of 1912'at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 27th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Enniskerry History Society
Frank Tracy will present ***'Killarney - the Royal Visit of 1861 that put Killarney on the Tourist Map'*** at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday March 14th in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome - admission €5.

Irish Railway Record Society
Tony Price will recall ***'Retro Years of Cork City Freight in the 1960s and 70s filmed by Joe St. Leger, and Early Years'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 14th in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

The AGM of the Irish Railway Record Society will take place in the Society's Dublin 8 premises at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 14th and will be followed by a talk by Oliver Doyle looking at ***'Knocklong, the Railways and Sean Hogan'***. Members and their guests only.

Rathmichael Historical Society
Patrick Salmon will speak about ***'The Lost Village of Milltown'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 6th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin.
All welcome - admission €4.

On Wednesday April 3rd Conor Lucey will present ***'A New Perspective on James Malton's Picturesque and Descriptive Views of the City of Dublin'*** in the same venue at 8 p.m.

Military History Society of Ireland
Dr. Daniel Brown will present ***'Crusader and rebel': the Military career of Hugh de Lacy, earl of Ulster'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday March 8th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Foxrock Local History Club
Trevor White will present the Main Talk on ***'The Life and Times of Alfie Byrne'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 19th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Norah Glynn will present the Short Talk recalling ***'The murder of the McMahon brothers in 1922'***. All welcome – admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will cover ***'The Houses of Dun Laoghaire'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 20th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – entrance €3.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
The Society will hold a ***'Genealogy Workshop - Researching Your Family History'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 21st in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

2019 DCLA Local History Day
On Saturday March 23rd the Dublin City Library and Archive 2019 Local History Group Day takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, with presentations from several speakers. All welcome - admission free.

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School News in scan

New Entrance to Scoil Mhuire!

The long awaited gate on Shanganagh Road is finally in use! It will be unlocked between 8.40am to 9.00am and 1.25pm to 2.40pm.

Maritime Museum

Ms.Barrett brought her 4th class to visit the Maritime Museum. The children were fascinated by the models of the different ships and by the many artefacts from our nautical history. They were particularly taken by a model of a radio officer's cabin and got their photo taken in front of a former beacon from the Bailey Lighthouse. Our guide was Susan, who now lives in Shankill, but who was born and reared in Dun Laoghaire. Her family were seafaring folk so she went to the Mariners' School which was then situated behind the building which now houses the museum.

Festina Lente Equine Outreach Programme

Every Thursday Festina Lente bring two miniature ponies, Síofra and Allannagh to the school grounds. The purpose of these visits is to provide a programme based around social and emotional learning and a holistic therapeutic experience for those who participate. Children from 1st to 3rd classes are taking part in the programme this year. Pictured above are three of the children with Síofra.

Fourth Class Visit to Dalkey Castle

Every year fourth class visit Dalkey Castle. They are given a guided tour of the castle and actors recreate scenes from the castle's past. It brings history to life for the children. The children went to the top of the look-out tower to observe Dalkey Bay and were told that it was once a major trading port.

Tag Rugby Blitz

The children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes have been receiving Tag Rugby coaching from Jonny Butler of Leinster Rugby. This culminated in a rugby blitz in Seapoint Rugby Club in which over 750 children from local schools participated. It was a great success and we are looking forward to the next one. We hope that many of our children will continue their involvement with rugby. Pictured above is a group photo taken at the end of the blitz.

Junior Infants Nature Walk

Ms. Friel took her Junior Infants on a nature walk around the school grounds. They learned the names of some of the trees and plants and looked for birds and animals making their homes around the school. They were surprised at how many cats took a shortcut through the school grounds.

Authors in Training!

Ms. Ellard's Senior Infants have been working on their writing in a daily writing workshop. They love writing stories and making books about their own lives. There are definitely some future authors in this class!

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

REFURBISHMENT OF CENTRE

Thanks to the funds raised by the Cycle To Merseyside charity event last year, the long overdue refurbishment of the Daycare Centre has begun. We have been able to commission a wonderful mural which is being installed by Wall Art Installation. We have also been able to buy much needed new carpet and curtains for the Centre. This has all been made possible by the hard work of the Staff of Bradys Pub and the commitment of the local community who raised these funds on our behalf. We are very grateful to everyone concerned.

ENTERTAINMENT

On 16th January, the Andante Band came to the Centre to play at our Wednesday Afternoon Tea Club. The Andante Band is a five piece band and they played all the old favourites and soon had the clients singing along. It was a really enjoyable afternoon.

On 13th February, we had our Valentine's Day outing to Bradys Pub. The clients always enjoy these outings to Bradys where they are treated to a three course meal and lots of chat and laughter.

On 13th March, local historian, James Scannell, is coming to the Centre to give a talk on the "Accident on the Bridge in Shankill".

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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CORE CREDIT UNION CEO VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CREDIT UNIONS IN WEST AFRICA

Core Credit Union CEO, Michael Byrne, travelled to The Gambia with the Irish League of Credit Unions International Development Foundation (the ILCU Foundation), to provide support and help to credit unions in the spirit of 'cooperation among cooperatives'. The ILCU Foundation is the charitable arm of the Irish credit union movement. It was set up in the 1980s to give back to help others develop their credit union movements. Much in the same way that Irish movement received help in the 1950s when credit unions were first established in Ireland.

Michael participated in the ILCU Foundation Volunteer Coaching Programme. He undertook a two week volunteering programme to share his expertise, knowledge, and skills with his credit union counterparts in The Gambia. Michael travelled to The Gambia, accompanied by three other Irish credit union personnel – Alan Duff, Health Services Staff Credit Union, Pauline Tourish, B&S Credit Union and Rosaleen Bradley, Newington Credit Union. During his time in The Gambia, Michael and Rosaleen worked together to visit a number of credit unions both in Banjul and also in the rural countryside. They visited a mix of work-based credit unions and community credit unions to provide much needed technical assistance, especially in the rural areas in the Bwiam region.

Michael and Rosaleen with Foday Sangyang, NACCUG Operations Manager and representatives from GAMTEL Credit Union, Banjul.

The technical assistance provided by Michael and the coaches included providing support on day to day operations, loan management and credit control to credit union staff. Following each credit union visit Michael and Rosaleen had the opportunity to meet with the Board of the credit unions and put forward recommendations to the Board on how to further develop their credit union, one such Board meeting took place under a tree in over 30 degrees heat. Michael and the coaches also organised for a meeting with local taxi drivers to discuss the potential of them setting up their own credit union.

Michael, Rosaleen and Alan meet with a local taxi driver which led to a meeting about setting up a credit union for taxi drivers.

The coaching programme concluded with a 2-day workshop, this allowed Michael and the coaches the opportunity to share their observation and best practices with the credit union participants to improve their safety and soundness. Michael presented on risk management as credit unions need to be risk adverse. Throughout the two weeks Michael and his fellow volunteers were able to share their skills and knowledge to build the capacity of the credit union personnel in The Gambia, and empower them to further strengthen their movement. Michael also had the opportunity to meet credit union members and hear about how the credit union is making a real difference in their lives. With a population of over 2 million people, there are over 70,000 credit union members in The Gambia. The National Association of Cooperatives and Credit Unions (NACCUG), is the representative body for all the credit unions. For over 20 years the ILCU Foundation has been providing financial and technical support to the movement. The Foundation's current work in The Gambia is focused on providing technical support to NACCUG to ensure strong, secure and sustainable credit unions, which allow individuals to access financial services, especially women and people in rural communities, in turn improving their livelihoods and benefiting their families and the community.

Michael presenting on the topic of Risk Management for credit unions.

Speaking about his experience Michael said: "Though many people live on less than €3 a day their positive outlook is a lesson for all of us to learn. Through Credit Unions they are working hard to build a stronger future and with the support provided by NACCUG and IL-CUF this can be achieved. Through our visits and workshops, I hope that we have been able to share some of our story and successes that they can learn from. There are significant similarities between our two countries and it is great to see strong cooperation between us."

Coaches and participants at the completion of the 2-day workshop.

Baboucarr Jeng, General Manager NACCUG, expressed his thanks to Michael and the coaches for giving their time to help the credit unions in The Gambia and he emphasised" the need for the participants to use the education from the training to develop their skills and the credit unions they represent". Alan Moore, CEO, ILCU Foundation said: "It has been great to have Michael on board for our coaching programme, he has been a fantastic ambassador for the ILCU Foundation and indeed the wider Irish credit union movement. Throughout the course of the two weeks our partners have learnt a great deal from Michael and his fellow coaches. We are very grateful to Michael for giving up his time to volunteer to help our partners, who like Michael, know the value of having a credit union and what it means for members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Core Credit Union who supported Michael to participate in the Coaching Programme".

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PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D19A/0020 Permission for Retention Date: 11-Jan-2019
Kalidone Developments Ltd, El Dorado, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Shankill, Co Dublin D18 FY24
Retention of development as constructed including block boundary walls along Quarry Road and garden areas of El Dorado and House A; vehicular access to El Dorado and House A; garage structures to Houses A, B and C; location and fenestration and external finishes of Houses A, B and C together with all associated landscaping and site works.

D19B/0025 Seeking Permission Date: 21-Jan-2019
Ciara Kenny Murray & Timothy Murray, Hillview, 29 Lower Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Split level two storey extension to rear of existing single storey dwelling, demolition of existing single storey area to the rear, internal alterations and all associated site works.

D18A/1034 Permission for Retention Date: 05-Nov-2018
D18A/1034 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date: 07-Jan-2019
Enda Woods, Clontra House, Quinn's Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure RPS ref. 1811)
Permission for Retention of an 1800mm wide ope between the kitchen and adjoining living room on first floor level.

D19A/0075 Seeking Permission Date: 04-Feb-2019
D19A/0075 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID Date: 08-Feb-2019
Terry Jackson, Lower Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Demolition of existing light industrial unit (297 sqm footprint). Construction of two storey terrace (216 sqm footprint) of 4 X three bedroomed townhouses with parking, new vehicular and pedestrian access off Lower Road and ancillary site development works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D18A/0859 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Jan-2019
Knockfodda Enterprises Ltd, Bradys Public House, Main Street, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a first floor extension (circa 43 sqm) over existing ground floor staff room and boiler house to provide 2 no. staff offices located at the rear of the existing premises.

D18A/1041 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Jan-2019
James Gorman, Fernsea, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for removal of existing septic tank and installation of new wastewater treatment unit, polishing filter in accordance with epa 2009 and associate works.

D18A/1042 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Jan-2019
John Murphy, 24 Seaview Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of 1 X two storey two bedroom infill dwelling with single storey sedum roofed element to rear, 5 X roof lights and 4 X PV panels. New vehicular access from Seaview Park along eastern site boundary and all associated ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development, including SUDs surface water drainage, site works, boundary treatments and landscaping.

D18A/1105 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 28-Jan-2019
Valero Energy (Ireland) Ltd, Texaco Service Station, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
1. Construction of a single storey extension (103.6 sqm) to existing service station building giving a total new floor area of 245 sqm. The increased service building will include retail area of 100 sqm including off-licence of 10 sqm, new café/food use seating area of 47 sqm, new Deli counter 32 sqm and back of house area 49 sqm. 2. Relocation of main entrance door. 3. Addition of exit door within glazed screen at south facing elevation. 4. Additional shop signage. 5. Ancillary site works to include removal of two brush wash pads, relocation of 4 car parking line marking all with associated site works and alterations.

D18A/1137 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 05-Feb-2019
Patrick O'Brien, 10A Ferndale Glen, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of two storey house with waste water treatment system including tertiary sand filter and gravel infiltration bed which will contain all water on site and not result in additional groundwater in the area. New vehicular access, reduced ground levels and ancillary works.

D18B/0546 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Feb-2019
Matt and Sinead Treacy, 93, Castlefarm, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Conversion of attic to storage including changing existing hipped end roof to a gable end roof, a window to the new gable wall and a velux rooflight to the front all at roof level.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D18A/0355 3rd Party appeal against Grant of Permission
Date: 16-Jan-2019
Thomond, Holly Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin (a protected structure, ref: 1803)
The refurbishment and extension to a 3 storey detached dwelling house including: the removal and closing up of an existing external access door to the West facade, minor internal alterations including; the relocation of existing kitchen from first floor to ground floor together with alterations to access doors and partition walls, the removal of ground floor staircase and the installation of a new staircase, alterations and refurbishments to existing WC at first floor level, two bedrooms and one en suite WC at second floor level, the demolition and removal of lean-to entrance to the East facade to facilitate the construction of a new 33 sqm single storey partially glazed extension to the South facade, the replacement of existing ground floor sitting room window with new door. The replacement of existing vehicular and pedestrian entrances to North boundary, new automated vehicular entrance to the West boundary (adapted from previously granted planning permission Ref. No.D17A/0280) and the removal of one pedestrian entrance to South boundary, the removal of existing boundary hedge to the North, West and South boundaries to facilitate the construction of a new 2 m high boundary wall with piers and associated site works to facilitate the above works.
Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION

D18A/1042 3rd Party appeal against Grant of Permission
Date: 04-Feb-2019
24 Seaview Park, Shankill, Dublin 18
Construction of 1 X two storey two bedroom infill dwelling with single storey sedum roofed element to rear, 5 X roof lights and 4 X PV panels. New vehicular access from Seaview Park along eastern site boundary and all associated ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development, including SUDs surface water drainage, site works, boundary treatments and landscaping.
Council Decision: GRANT PERMISSION
APPEAL DECISIONS OF AN BORD PLEANÁLA
None Notified

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